

PROCEEDINGS

LOWER SAN PITCH RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MEETING

MARCH 31, 1971 - SANPETE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MANTI, UTAH - 1:30 P.M.

The annual meeting of the Lower San Pitch River Distribution System water users was held on March 31, 1971 at 1:30 p.m. in the Sanpete County Courthouse, Manti, Utah. The following persons representing the indicated organizations were in attendance:

Donald C. Norseth - Distribution Engineer, Division of Water Rights, Salt Lake
Kenward H. McKinney - Area Engineer, Division of Water Rights, Price
Floyd K. Olsen - Ephraim-Olsen Ditch
Ben Kjar - Chairman of Distribution System Committee
Stanley Price - Price Dam
John K. Olsen - Ephraim-Olsen Ditch
Richard Jensen - No. 6-Mile Irrigation Company
Rollin J. Anderson - No. 6-Mile Irrigation Company
Edgar C. Nielsen - Vice President of Gunnison Irrigation Company
Nels I. Olsen - Ephraim-Olsen Ditch
Melvin Hansen - Mayfield Irrigation Company
Grant Dyreng - Manti Irrigation & Reservoir Company
Reed Christiansen - Mayfield Irrigation Company
J. Neil Neilson - Gunnison Irrigation Company
Gayle G. Hansen - Mayfield Irrigation Company
Ray P. Cox - San Pitch Drainage District
Erwin Roberts - President of Gunnison-Fayette Canal Company
Robert Johnson - San Pitch Drainage District
Donald K. Barton - Manti Irrigation & Reservoir Company
Frank Madsen - Manti
Ned Madsen - Manti
Vail H. Nielson - San Pitch Drainage District
Thomas R. Yardley - Gunnison (Self)
Fred L. Braithwaite - Manti (Self)
Raymond Jensen - Sterling Irrigation Company

Mr. Norseth opened the meeting and gave a summary of the projected water runoff statewide. He then turned the meeting over to Ben Kjar, the system chairman. Since Neil Neilson, the Secretary, was not present at the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Norseth read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

John McIntosh was then called upon to make a short report, diversion by diversion, of the system. Mr. McIntosh explained the location of each point of diversion and his measuring points and methods. He indicated that the measurements were relatively accurate. Mr. Norseth suggested that anyone wishing to query Mr. McIntosh about the specifics of any measuring points, measurements and/or points of diversion, do so after the meeting or at some other appropriate time. A suggestion was made that the water going out of 12-Mile Creek to Gunnison be measured. This suggestion was taken under advisement.

The next item to be considered was the budget. It was noted that for the last two years the budget and assessment had barely covered disbursements and consequently it had been necessary to take emergency measures during both years in order to disburse money to the commissioner during the period from January 1 until assessments were paid in April or May. It was noted that the Budget Item for which the problem

was most acute was the Commissioner's Mileage Allowance. It was suggested that the Mileage Allowance Item be increased from 700 miles @ 10¢/mi. to 900 miles @ 10¢/mi. Ben Kjar suggested a \$3700 Budget and Assessment as follows:

Commissioner's Salary	\$2,400.00
Matching Social Security Tax	115.20
Matching State Retirement	102.00
Bonds & Insurance Premiums	25.00
Commissioner's Annual Report	50.00
Commissioner's Travel Expense @ 10¢/mi.	900.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	107.80
	<u>\$3,700.00</u>

A question from the floor was asked concerning the pro-ration of assessments. It was explained that the assessment was based upon the irrigated acreage with two different assessment rates depending upon the amount of control which could be exercised by the water user over the water used. The budget and the assessment were approved unanimously.

The next item of business was the election of a committee for the coming year. Erwin Roberts moved that the membership of the present committee be continued by acclamation. Some of the current members of the committee felt that the water users should have a chance to express their preference since some of the members of the committee had been put on the Committee because they were the only members present from their organization. It was then moved and seconded that nominations be opened for chairman. Ben Kjar was nominated, seconded and elected chairman by acclamation. Neil Neilson was nominated, seconded, and elected by acclamation to be Vice President and Treasurer. Fred Braithwaite was nominated, seconded and elected First Vice President by acclamation. Gayle Hansen was nominated, seconded and elected Second Vice President by acclamation. Don Barton was nominated, seconded and elected Third Vice President by acclamation. Stanley Price was nominated, seconded and elected Fourth Vice President by acclamation. Erwin Roberts was nominated, seconded and elected Fifth Vice President by acclamation.

Don Norseth then said a few words about the consolidation of the Upper and Lower San Pitch River Distribution Systems. He indicated that there should be a reduction in the unit cost of distribution upon consolidation. He indicated that the State Engineer was in favor of the consolidation with its attendant economies and that he would cooperate with the two committees in the attainment of that goal. The meeting was then adjourned.

